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Soviet Union launches dramatic diplomatic offensive



The Soviet Union has launched a diplomatic offensive the like of which has seldom been seen in history. Moscow is negotiating with Washington on strategic arms limitation and with Peking on frontier problems and would like to hold a European security conference and negotiations on troop reductions in Central Europe.

The Soviet Union has called on nuclear powers America, China, Britain and France to parley on nuclear disarmament and to discuss a treaty draft banning nuclear military projects.

Moscow is engaged in talks with the three Western powers on a Berlin settlement and has recently suggested to Washington an agreement on the operations of the US and Soviet fleets.

In the wake of the treaty with Bonn Moscow has concluded consultation agreements with France and Canada and a friendship pact with Egypt that consolidates the Soviet position in the Middle East.

This wide-ranging activity seems at first to be puzzling and confusing on the

and built up a fleet that is virtually on a par with America's while the Soviet economy has either drawn level or bettered the US economy in a number of major production sectors.

Soviet space research would seem to be more logical and long-term in approach than its American counterpart, which is often publicly-oriented. And of late the Soviet Union has commanded worldwide air and sea links that are bound to involve worldwide influence.

All this is bound to be reflected in the policies pursued, particularly as Moscow is pragmatic enough to adopt a non-ideological approach when the need arises.

Consideration rather than anxiety is called for. Leonid Brezhnev's 11 June speech provides reliable information about the premises on which Soviet foreign policy operates.

The chief premise is that the international balance of political, social and military power has so changed that the Soviet Union can lay claim to a role at least equal to that of the United States.

Concepts such as equal security, on the basis of equality and renunciation of unilateral advantages occur time and time again. In Mr Brezhnev's speech, bearing witness to a manifesto that fairly flaunts at the Americans the idea that "We are as big as you and we can both be equally big at less expense." This is both an offer and a challenge.

It has long been obvious that despite the propaganda line Moscow basically attaches greater importance to the Salt talks than to a European security conference.

Parallel procedure, as demanded by Moscow is basically a move designed to enable Bonn and the others to save Soviet face.

The danger that the Kremlin might attempt to circumvent a Berlin settlement



Bengal disaster

Swaran Singh, Indian Foreign Minister, visited Chancellor Brandt in Bonn to discuss the consequences of the troubles in East Pakistan. The main theme of his talks was increased aid for the refugees. The Bonn Cabinet has arranged to provide an immediate grant of five million Marks to aid the trouble-stricken area. (Photo: dpa)

negotiation of a satisfactory Berlin settlement.

It is not only that Moscow is afraid America might embark on a new arms race, try to regain the military advantage and so force the Soviet Union to follow suit. The Kremlin is also allergic to attempts by Bonn to make East-West talks dependent on the outcome of the Four-Power talks on Berlin.

The link between Berlin and the proposed European security conference is more than enough as far as Moscow is concerned, and further tie-ups might either jeopardise the Berlin talks altogether or lead to Soviet counter-demands.

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by means of troop cut talks as a substitute for the proposed security conference may exist but is not at present felt to be acute.

Western diplomats surmise that Moscow may be interested in troop cut talks but feel that the Soviet side has reservations about the Western concept of balanced forces and may object to it altogether. MBFR talks would seem likely to be a long-winded business.

The Soviet view is felt to be that the security conference is a more easily attainable target because military problems are not inextricably involved.

If nothing else were to come of it the conference would at least confirm that the Soviet Union has a right to a say in the affairs of Europe. For this Moscow might well be prepared to pay a small price in Berlin.

Josef Riedmiller
(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 14 June 1971)

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What makes the modern manager tick – a sociological study

It takes a recap of American policy in Asia back to and before the Second World War to appreciate the historic significance of the Sino-American rapprochement.

Barely four years have passed since Dean Rusk, Secretary of State under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, talked of the "Yellow Peril" of 800 million Chinese the other side of Vietnam.

This was his justification for intervention in Indochina, a policy the wisdom and success of which fellow-Democrats were already beginning to doubt.

Not eight years ago Lyndon Johnson, still dazed by the assassination of President Kennedy, voiced the suspicion that in all probability the Chinese were to blame.

This was the obvious conclusion for the then Vice-President to draw, since following the detente with the Soviet Union prepared by President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Herter and implemented by President Kennedy and Secretary of State Rusk, China had become world enemy No. 1.

Hostility towards Peking and its three strategic balance with the United States,

Washington and the question of Peking's admission to the UN

quarters of a billion people was ignored the cement that was to bind Moscow and Washington together.

Opinions may differ as to whether war would have been waged against China during Mr Kennedy's second term, which would have begun in November 1961. The confused ideas of which Nikita Khrushchev was accused at his downfall may well have run along these lines, American Kremlinologists maintain.

There can, on the other hand, be no doubt that the American military buildup in Vietnam, Laos and Thailand was directed against China. The gigantic air bases, harbours, military bases and roads that were stamped out of the jungle for billions of dollars, boasted runways for the heaviest of super bombers.

They were not built for jungle warfare against Vietcong guerrillas or against twenty

million North Vietnamese. They were built for use in a war involving half Asia.

In the two and half years since taking over office President Nixon's plan by which he proposed to bring the Vietnam war to an honourable conclusion has taken shape.

rapprochement with Peking has rendered the war pointless; a development that the Chinese were quicker to understand than most domestic critics of the Nixon administration's policies.

Just like the New Left that used to quote Chairman Mao, President Nixon quoted a Chinese proverb, now the trendy thing to do, at a recent press conference: "A thousand-mile journey," he noted, "begins with the first step. We have already taken two."

It is hard to say how many steps have been taken behind the scenes by American and Chinese diplomats, who can be assumed to have been in extremely intensive negotiations for some time.

Following publication of the list of goods American firms can now export to

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Government should consider early recognition of Peking

Mao Tse-tung's China has come to be socially acceptable. It courts the favours of others and itself has its good graces sought as never before. Politicians and businessmen from all five continents are knocking at Peking's door.

Mao and Chou En-lai's diplomats are drawing up increasingly flexible formulas as a result of which an increasing number of diplomatic representatives of their unbending opponent Chiang Kai-shek are having to pack their bags and leave.

In neutral Austria's case, for instance, Peking has opted to forgo express mention of the two-state theory and makes no mention whatsoever of Nationalist China (Taiwan).

In the past countries prepared to recognise mainland China had at least to note the People's Republic's total claim to the island of Formosa.

The latest move has made it easier for hesitant countries to make up their minds and establish diplomatic relations with Peking. As a result Peking has gained ground in Europe.

Peking not only is on excellent terms with Rumania, Yugoslavia and its old ally Albania (ties with Moscow's immediate Eastern European neighbours and satellites varying extraordinarily); it is also on good terms with Scandinavia, France, Italy, Britain, Holland and Switzerland and relations are improving steadily.

Unlike the Soviet Union People's China increasingly welcomes the trend towards European integration. Members of an Italian trade delegation reported on their return from Peking at the end of May that Premier Chou En-lai made no bones about the fact that he expects a stronger Europe to reduce the two superpowers' influence on member-countries.

Against this background it is by no means clear why Chancellor Brandt says that relations between this country and the Soviet Union must be further normalised before diplomatic ties with Peking are established. In the past Bonn has taken only American wishes into account.

Now that President Nixon has accepted Mao Tse-tung's ping pong challenge and other important allies of this country are getting on well with China why, one may well ask, is Bonn prepared to bow to pressure from one of the two rival Communist great powers.

Relations between this country and People's China are marked by strange ups and downs. As long ago as 1955, following the establishment of diplomatic relations between Bonn and Moscow, Peking stated that it was about time normal relations were established with People's China. Bonn did not respond.

Minister Stadt-Amteiger

In 1958 representatives of the Industrial Committee on Trade with the East grasped the initiative. They concluded a "private" trade agreement with Peking. It only lasted one year though.

In 1964 Foreign Minister Gerhard Schröder, as he then was, made an attempt to put trade with mainland China on a formal basis. The Chinese were even prepared to include West Berlin. Those were the days of Mao's idea of intermediate zones.

In addition to China, the Third World, Japan and Canada Western Europe was also to become an independent unit with the aim of gradually eliminating the hegemony of the two superpowers. The GDR, or East Germany, as the Chinese call it, was seen merely as a Soviet outpost.

Since when, until the signature of the Moscow Treaty, the Kremlin has repeatedly raised the spectre of a Bonn-Peking axis.

Whatever importance may be attached to propaganda fanfares of this kind a treaty with Peking was not signed in 1964 and whatever the reasons may have been (a change of mind on Chancellor Erhard's part in view of President Johnson's displeasure or Chinese hopes of a change in relations with Moscow following the fall of Nikita Khrushchev) there has since been no "hew" on the Bonn-Peking front.

Unlike many sectors of industry the Brandt-Scheel administration has repeatedly stated that it does not propose to enter into negotiations with China until some distant future.

The China sub-section at the Office was abolished a year ago. The death of Wilhelm Hoffmann, its head, merged with the East Asia department. The treaties with the Eastern Bloc Berlin settlement were first to be But Peking is already posing a question as to what conditions must be fulfilled before Bonn could possibly of establishing relations.

Peking's virulent criticism of treaty with Moscow has now been down but Bonn could still be left cold shoulder if it continues to go its own leeway and play hard to Peking's point of view.

Gerhard Schröder is likely to little more in the way of detail. His Peking trip materialised. Schöndel, other Christian Democrats and conclusion of a trade agreement.

A trade agreement would also purpose of counteracting the trade between this country and Trade figures have been on the decline the past three years.

Christian Democrat Bundestag members Richard von Weizsäcker and Marx would even go so far as to try in all sectors. The Federal Government has evidently forgotten the dent Helmecke came out in its relations with Peking as long ago.

The form the ties take is of importance but it is important the country is soon represented in Germany or other in a country the government which has ruled the most popular in the world for the past 22 years, moreover, with which it has no problems.

Did not Soviet Party leader Brezhnev himself say a few months ago that the treaty with China, that the treaty with Moscow was not directed against Peking?

If this statement was meant to Moscow can hardly begrudge this establishing normal relations with the Policy towards the Eastern Bloc to preclude activity in China's direction.

(Köln: Stadt-Anzeiger, 4 June 1971)

POLITICS

CDU has no time to loose in selecting chancellor candidate

Frankfurter Allgemeine

This is the procedure through which the CDU went in 1966 when they voted Kurt Georg Kiesinger as the Christian Democrat chancellor-elect. The party lost nothing by simply taking account of the fact that there were several alternative candidates for the leadership and they must come to the majority decision.

The difference between 1966 and today is that then the Gerdien Knot had to be severed in the shortest possible time, not allowing the roundabout of candidates to get in motion. This time the matter has not been so urgent and the choice of a candidate for the chancellorship has been open to all kinds of criticism and manipulation of opinions.

When well-meaning observers advise the CDU today to prolong this uncommonly painful procedure as much as possible on account of the torment of the actual election they are not giving the party good advice.

First of all the various candidates are open to attacks from outside and from friction within the party which can harm them and even discredit them in the eyes of the electorate.

Secondly the decisions made at the polling booths in the Federal Republic today are so much a matter of personalities involved that the main candidate should be chosen as soon as possible so that he can be sold to those groups on the periphery whose floating vote will in the last resort decide the majority. If this merry-go-round is allowed to continue turning it is likely to have fatal consequences for the CDU.

The CDU/CSU can hardly avoid personal confrontation in the 1973 elections since the leading candidate on the other side is a man called Willy Brandt.

There is a story going around that if the government continues its present course and there are several more disappointments before 1973 the next general election could become a kind of protest vote in which it will be a matter of indifference who is at the head of the Christian Democrats.

This argument is just as misleading as the theory that there is no hurry to elect a candidate for the chancellor's office.

Fritz Ulrich Fack
(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland, 5 June 1971)

DKP slyly keeps respectability with nothing-to-hide policy

Only the Communists could have brought this one off," an old worker is supposed to have said about the "grand fighting demonstration" at the end of the first youth congress of the Deutsche Kommunistische Partei (DKP) in Hanover. At least this is how the official publication of the party, *Unserer Zeit*, reported the event.

A confidential report drawn up by the Ministry of the Interior in Bonn on left-wing extremism states that Communists in the Federal Republic are bringing something off, at least visually speaking.

This report accuses the two-year-old DKP of having identical aims as the banned kommunistisches Partei Deutschlands (KPD).

Lawyers at the Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe have noted this broad hint with keen interest. The Ministry of the Interior has levelled the accusation that the DKP is following in the footsteps of the banned KPD and this would be a contravention of the Constitutional Court's ruling made on 17 August 1956.

Without doubt under the Brandt/Scheel SPD/FDP coalition government there will be neither a ban nor police action against the DKP. But if there were a change of government in Bonn and the CDU/CSU were returned to power a new situation might arise.

But the lie of the land is completely different now from 1956. Whereas the KPD had been a partly conspiratorial setup years before the ban and has made it easy for its persecutors to dub it an underground organisation, the DKP has been pursuing a subtle policy of nothing to hide.

It has a lively press department, its own publications and a supply of information and reports for journalists who are interested. Contacts between the DKP and brother parties in other countries — including the Socialist Unity Party in the German Democratic Republic — are not kept secret but are often described in detail.

The basic declaration of intent of the DKP shows what the party is striving for. This contains nothing that infringes Basic Law. The Adenauer government was not too hard-pressed to find statements in the KPD publications that were ambiguous.

In the KPD programme for "the national reunification of Germany" published on 2 November 1952 there were statements such as: "If the people of West Germany want to survive they must topple the Adenauer regime." Also: "Undoubtedly our fight will require sacrifices. But for every patriot who falls in battle or is torn away from the fight a thousand will arise."

Those who were out to get the KPD banned gobbled up statements of this kind. But they will not be able to make a meal of anything the DKP has printed. The DKP is of the opinion that Basile Law allows changes along socialist lines limiting "the might of the monopolies". The DKP speaks of the "democratic rejuvenation of the State and society", words that sound more like evolution than revolution.

Thus in Karlsruhe it is generally accepted that the broad hint is intended as a warning shot from the Ministry of the Interior to the Deutsche Kommunistische Partei.

The days of the Communist witchhunt, sanctioned by a ban on the party, are past and gone, according to legal brains in Karlsruhe. Banning political parties is considered anachronistic. If a Bonn government applied for a ban on the DKP it would have no prospects of success.

Helmut Rieber

(Frankfurter Rundschau, 3 June 1971)

Washington and Peking

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mainland China (a generous though not spectacular catalogue) Washington's next step will be to announce the outcome of its United Nations policy review.

Washington is unlikely to agree to the Albanian solution, consisting of a simple majority vote on Chinese membership that would automatically involve the expulsion of Taiwan.

It might well cease to insist on a two-thirds majority in favour of Peking's admission, though. It then remains to be seen how Peking will respond, particularly in respect of Taiwan.

Marlene Manthey
(Köln: Nachrichten, 12 June 1971)

Bonn is anxious to overcome misunderstandings with Israel

Now everyone with an inkling of what is going on knows full well that not everything in the garden is lovely as far as relations between Bonn and Tel Aviv are concerned, but the whole truth only came to light by way of unofficial information that goes a long way towards explaining the situation.

Despite soothing commentaries by the Foreign Office the Israelis are apparently still most annoyed about a joint guideline on policy towards the Middle East agreed by the Foreign Ministers of the Common Market.

In this confidential document Foreign Minister Walter Scheel is alleged to have drawn closer to the French approach, which in Israeli eyes is pro-Arab.

In point of fact Paris has indeed so far concurred to a large extent (though not lock, stock and barrel) with the demand made by Moscow and Cairo that Israel must first withdraw from all occupied territory, including strategic vital points.

When the first rumours of alleged concessions by Foreign Minister Scheel made their appearance critical questions were asked by Herbert Wehner and Helmut Schmidt, SPD parliamentary party chairman and Defence Minister respectively, among the SPD executive.

Wehner had recently visited Israel and heard Israeli worries lest Bonn part company with Tel Aviv to some extent in order to further the interests of this

country's policy towards the Eastern Bloc.

Willy Brandt's surprise statement was an attempt not only to soothe the Israelis but also to satisfy forces within his own party that feel it to be necessary for political and moral reasons to support the Israeli claim to frontier changes designed to augment Israel's security.

Herr Brandt, the Social Democratic leader, came to grips with his Israeli opposite number, Golda Meir, at the meeting of the Socialist International in Helsinki over this very issue.

Social Democratic politicians with some knowledge of the facts are at pains to emphasise that the Chancellor was successful in his attempt to mediate between the Scandinavian Social Democrats on the one hand and Mrs Meir on the other.

The Scandinavians wanted to bring a certain amount of pressure to bear on Israel in order to make Tel Aviv more ready to compromise. Mrs Meir on the other hand insisted that any commentaries on the Middle East be made dependent on Israel's express approval.

The Chancellor is not prepared to concede Israel an absolute right of veto of this kind. In other words he is not prepared to make the resumption of diplomatic relations with the Arab countries dependent on Israeli approval.

At present, though, Bonn is not in-

terested in making any such move. send a Bonn ambassador to Cairo to be to underscore the full diplomatic recognition accorded to the GDR, Egypt.

The Federal government must refrain from upgrading the GDR in any way until there is some certainty as to the outcome of negotiations on the East and West Berlin.

For the time being relations with Israel are to be improved. Early in July 1971 Minister Scheel is to visit Israel. cordiality will not be much helped by informed member of the Bonn cabinet comments. "The Israelis are not in mood for jokes."

Jürgen Loh

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Present coalition to continue after 1973, Scheel says

Vice-Chancellor and Free Democrat party Chairman Walter Scheel said in an interview that he was in favour of continuing the SPD/FDP coalition in Bonn after the general elections in 1973.

Reported in an illustrated magazine Scheel said in the interview: "If we achieve the success for which we are striving before 1973... we will fight the next election campaign from the point of view of continuing our policies for the following four years."

Speaking of the policies of the CDU/CSU Opposition in the Bundestag Herr Scheel commented: "If they fail to develop any convincing alternative policies they will not prove to be a serious challenger to the government in 1973."

(Neue Hannoversche Presse, 28 May 1971)

SPD/FDP elections win still assured, Wischniewski claims

have only lost 0.2 per cent of votes since the 1969 general election. In the legislative period 1957-1961 the government of the day lost 7.6 per cent of their votes in provincial assembly elections. The 1961-1965 period showed a loss of 6.5 per cent of votes for the government.

The heavy SPD losses in Hesse, according to Hans-Jürgen Wischniewski, were "a clear and unambiguous rejection by the populace of imperative mandate — which corresponds to official SPD policies."

A survey conducted among 2,000 people, five hundred of them in Frankfurt, confirms this. The question asked was: "What should be a politician's conscience?" 29 per cent "the electorate" only fifteen per cent answered "the party." Seven per cent abstained.

This autumn the SPD plans to start a massive campaign of recruitment for new members, said Herr Wischniewski. This will be aimed particularly at working men, white-collar workers, the middle-classes and women. Herr Wischniewski said that it was unsatisfactory that no more than seventeen per cent of the approximately 840,000 SPD members were female.

From this autumn onwards there will be a monthly newsletter for SPD members.

The main items on the agenda at the extraordinary party-political conference to be held between 18 and 20 November in Bonn would be tax reforms, the mass-media, and the reorganisation of party work.

Hans Lerschbacher
(Frankfurter Rundschau, 29 May 1971)

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Ecumenical conference in Augsburg

Before the Whitsun congress of Roman Catholic and Evangelical Christians in Augsburg, members of both Churches, especially the critical groups, wondered whether it would be worth attending.

Those people who did attend must decide for themselves whether the congress was worthwhile. One thing can be stated with certainty — Christians who had been opposed to each other for centuries spoke uninhibitedly of the problems each group faced in belief, their fellow-Christians, their Churches and the suffering in the world.

It was as if each side had forgotten their denomination and was discussing everyday problems. It was not a case of Church versus Church — members of a Church often differed from their fellow-believers on important issues.

One striking aspect was the caution and patience adopted together with objective clarity. A somewhat mystic belief in ecumenicalism played its part, overcoming the differences of thought, belief and practices and the resentment that can grow all too easily during the course of history.

Theologians and leading men in the two Churches were not subject to this attitude of caution. A broadside of frank criticism greeted them. Their advocates had to point out that even bishops could be affected by problems of conscience.

It is hard to say whether the Augsburg congress was a success. The answer depends on a person's point of view. The important thing is that the congress took place and that the atmosphere was good.

Albert Beckel, President of the Catholic Central Committee, who organised the Augsburg congress along with the executive of the Evangelical Church Congress, stated that the Whitsun meeting created a fact that the Churches could not in future ignore. His view must be seconded.

The old-style Church congresses will probably not be possible in future, especially as the Churches obviously cannot mobilise large masses with their traditional methods.

No decision has yet been taken on whether the Protestants will once again



Chief Cantor Estrango Nachama (left), Rabbi Dr Nathan Levinson and the Bishop of Augsburg, Dr Josef Stimpfle, taking part in an interdenominational service in Augsburg Town Hall

hold an Evangelical Church Congress in 1973 and the Catholics a Catholic Congress a year later.

Even if this were to happen the congresses would probably be expanded to include Christians of the other confession.

A second meeting is being considered for 1973 to deal with the practical effects of ecumenicalism. The meeting will be held in Frankfurt, Hanover or West Berlin.

The fact that so few leading Churchmen attended the Augsburg congress was criticised. Julius, Cardinal Döpfner, the Chairman of the Episcopal Conference, stated that it had been agreed to send a minimum of bishops and other senior clergy so that the meeting would not have an official atmosphere, allowing more latitude for spontaneity.

Leading Churchmen did not want to be confronted with practices that are still officially banned by their Church's doctrines. Inter-confessional communion comes under this category. Their presence could be construed as sanction for these practices, they feared.

It is difficult to understand why the bishops always think in representative categories. The Augsburg congress led to a frank discussion of the Churches' cares and woes and the other side was always willing to listen.

Senior men in both Churches missed one of the rare opportunities they have of

listening to what their congregations believe. The congress was organised by laymen in the two Churches.

The question of inter-denominational communion was the main subject of the theological discussions in Augsburg. Inter-denominational communion means that a Church agrees to accept members of other Churches at its communion services without Church unity being aimed at or achieved.

It is husbands and wives of different denominations who particularly support inter-denominational communion. They no longer see any basic theological objection to allowing people like themselves alternately to attend each other's communion services.

They also want Catholics to be able to carry out their Sunday devotions by attending a Protestant communion service. But this move is blocked mainly by differing views amongst the Catholic leadership.

But the heads of the two Churches must be aware that the danger of a "third denomination" is acute — this was one of the strongest impressions arising from the Augsburg Congress.

Young members supporting the ecumenical movement will probably be prepared to leave their respective Churches if attempts to integrate them fail.

Another problem and an old source of inter-denominational dispute is the Catholic ruling on mixed marriages. Many observers felt that this question had lost its explosive quality after the Catholic bishops had found a way to settle this issue — the relatively few people attending the working group discussing marriage provides some evidence of this — but there was still harsh criticism.

The way the Catholic Church continues to insist on no inter-denominational marriages was attacked as discrimination against the other denomination and an ecumenical scandal.

The maintenance of this principle was attacked as being dishonourable and intolerable when every vicar granted almost automatic dispensation.

As with the question of inter-denominational communion, the Churches were accused of attempting to defend their old positions of power.

The Catholics and Protestants meeting in Augsburg could hardly have been representative of the total number of members of the two Churches.

Asked why fewer Christians from Augsburg and the surrounding area had attended the congress than expected, Secretary-General Walz of the Evangelical Church Congress answered, "The ecumenical idea has not progressed as far as those attending the Augsburg congress would like to make out. Only still lies before us."

Knut Barry (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland, 7 June 1971)

Church history once again takes a turn at Augsburg

Relations between Catholics and Protestants have kept Germany for four and a half centuries tied to political disasters. The Years' War and Bismarck's anti-Catholic policy are a warning.

There have been peaceful interdenominational meetings but they regularly ended in a period of mistrust. Is the ecumenical movement of recent years here to change? The Whitsun Ecumenical Congress in Augsburg was meant to show whether there was any possibility of unity.

The Church has lost much of its importance in West Germany in the years. The increasing number of people leaving the Church is a sign of this. But the Church's loss of prestige is due to a decline in religious interest and a contradiction of this view.

People are demanding new support in the continual upheavals of living conditions caused by science, technology and economics.

The fact that the need for religious support is decreasing is a paradox for Churches to do a lot of thinking.

It is obvious that the traditional ways and methods of the Churches are no longer adequate. A new way of thinking has begun in both Churches but time to mature.

The main task is to find an approach to people once again. It is difficult that it surpasses the position of any one Church. Cooperation of ecumenical spirit are indispensable.

The decision destroying Church unity was made in 1530 at the Imperial Diet of Augsburg. It was the birth of a Church and the denominational State.

Until then the Roman Church encompassed the whole of the Christian world. This universal Church was replaced by the confessional Churches.

Their rise led to the diffusion of universal empire into a number of national States that integrated the and politics in Germany constituted until 1918.

There is still a link today in people's minds. Treaties between Federal States and the Churches until the connection.

After the failure of the first general of Lutherans and Roman Catholics religious truce was concluded at Imperial Diet held in 1555, once again Augsburg.

The agreement ended the struggle of the Reformation period, recognising the existence of Independent Lutheran and Catholic territories within the Empire.

Religious unity was retained in German states until the industrial revolution last century. The Augsburg truce was a yardstick that led to Germany's product in the Late Middle Ages tolerance.

The ecumenical congress at Augsburg was the first large Church rally since both Catholics and Protestants began the beginning of the division.

It cannot just be a rally at today's generations come to reconciliation at the very place where forefathers split. That would be completely pointless.

Augsburg has twice moved the year 1530 with the beginning of denominationalism and in 1555 with the conclusion of tolerance. The success of the ecumenical meeting this year will decide whether a third religious stimulus is to come from Augsburg with new image of the Church's common purpose to whose unity the respective

faith.

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HOME AFFAIRS

Identity card scheme has no sinister side

One per cent of all people in the Federal Republic are called Müller, Schulze or one of the other ten most common surnames. Six hundred thousand people alone answer to the name of Müller.

These common names often lead to gross in Augsburg was meant to show whether there was any possibility of unity.

The authorities know all about the Müller-Meier-Schulze problem. But that is now to end. The government wants everybody in the Federal Republic to be given a twelve-figure identity number that will accompany its holder from cradle to grave, enabling trouble-free identification.

This plan obviously conjures up Orwellian fears in the minds of alarmed citizens. Is everyone to be degraded to an easily handled number? Is the individual no longer of any importance? Is the rule of electronic machines to undermine human dignity? Who can learn what about how the systems to be ruled out?

These questions are understandable and, in part, justified. The Ministry of the Interior, the body that drew up the Bill proposing identity numbers, considers objections against the move to be on the whole emotionally motivated, as it puts it, and hopes that fears can be overcome by better public relations.

But a public opinion poll conducted by the Allensbach Institute has shown that it is only a minority of people who have any misgivings. One third of those interviewed did not like the idea of having an identity number while two thirds were not disturbed by the thought.

Constitutional experts at the Ministry of the Interior pointed out that human dignity would not be violated as a person's name was not going to be replaced by an identification number.

The twelve-figure number will aid the adoption of the registration laws to the progressive automation in administrative bodies concerned with person-related functions, they say. In other words, computers are to be used much more by the authorities.

Objections against computer-stored personal data result from the fact that registration was long thought of as an aid to the security police in building up a

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large number of different traditions belongs.

The question of denomination has lost a lot of its bitterness in recent years, in this country at any rate. Events that occurred over four hundred years ago are no longer so urgent. People look at what unites the Churches, not at what divides them.

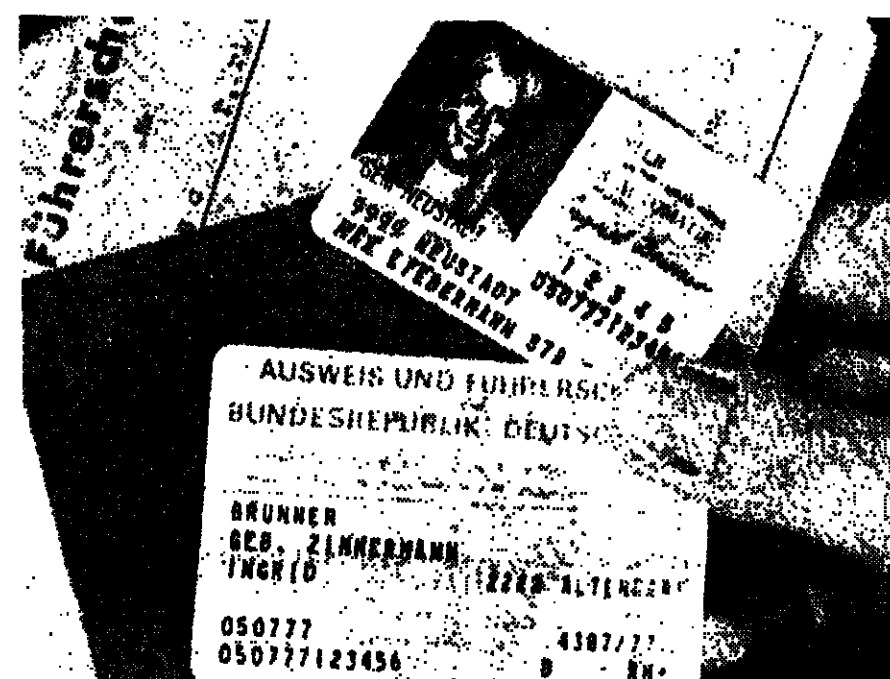
The 450th anniversary celebrations of the Imperial Diet of Worms at which Luther confessed his faith to the Empire was attended by a number of Catholic bishops who preached alongside Protestant bishops. That shows how times are changing.

But equally plain is the fact that the ecumenical ballyhoo is arousing opposition, even in this country. There are fears that the warmth of the rapprochement will consume a Church's own denominational legacy.

If we are to learn anything from the misfortunes of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation, it is the lesson that nothing can be pushed to fruition in the Church. People must be given time to adapt. Otherwise there is not the decision of the conscience that is necessary to

faith.

Karl-Alfred Odlum (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland, 2 June 1971)



The new all-purpose identification card containing all personal particulars to be introduced in this country by 1976

(Photo: dpa)

complete picture of an individual's movements.

The other function of registration — to inform authorities about present and future needs — has long been underestimated. It is only with the rapid increase in administrative work that it has pushed its way more and more into the foreground.

A poll showed that personal data and other important information of some forty per cent of the population changes every year, largely due to population shifts.

Centrally-stored personal data, as envisaged by the Bill, could save people who move from one district to another from filling in the long forms necessary for registration as the necessary information could be obtained from the store. Paperwork would be kept to a minimum.

This does not only apply to the registration of people moving into a new neighbourhood. It would also ease the exchange of information between local and national administrations and avoid excessive bureaucratic practices such as form-filling in triplicate.

Though they may be largely unaware of it, a lot of people already have a personal identity number that enables the authorities to use computers in their routine work.

Nine million people are registered by number in the national pensions scheme and there are five million people with an armed forces identity number. Computer installations are already at work in 120

Other data concern surname, given names, address, place of birth, marital status, profession and nationality, data that the authorities already know.

Information about criminal offences or past medical history is not registered among the personal data files kept in the registry offices. Data that must be kept secret by law — information on taxes paid for instance — will not be included either.

Special attention will be paid to stopping strangers from gaining access to personal information. It will also be an offence for workers at the registry offices to obtain any information they do not need in the course of duties.

A record will be kept of all information supplied by the computer so that possible offenders can be caught. Punishments are also planned for passing on information from the personal sphere. This is a step forward as the present registration regulations do not contain any such clauses.

Every citizen will also have the right to see the data stored about him.

If the Bundestag now ensures that all planned safety measures become law, nobody need fear the introduction of identification numbers. Hans-Jörg Sottorf (Stuttgarter Zeitung, 5 June 1971)

Stern prints abortion confessions

Famous actresses and writers were among the 374 women from all parts of the Federal Republic who directed an urgent appeal to the legislature and the public to do away with the current abortion law.

They all admitted that they had had a pregnancy terminated — illegally according to Paragraph 218 of the Penal Code. The Hamburg illustrated magazine Stern published the appeal which was signed among other people by Romy Schneider, Senta Berger, Helga Anders, Haune Wieder, Vera Tschecnowa, Veruschka von Lehndorff and writers Gisela Elsner and Susanne von Paczensky.

"About a million women a year have an abortion in the Federal Republic," the appeal stated. "Hundreds die, tens of thousands are made infirm or sterile as the operation is not carried out by a registered doctor."

"Terminating a pregnancy is a simple operation when it is done by specialists. Women with money face no risk when they have abortions here or abroad. Paragraph 218 forces women without money to kitchen tables where quacks resort to perform. It stamps them as criminals and threatens them with prison sentences of up to five years."

"But millions of women have abortions under humiliating and dangerous conditions. I am one of them. I have had an abortion. I am against Paragraph 218 and for wanted children."

The Public Prosecutor's Office in Hamburg announced that steps would be taken against the women who had signed the appeal though it must first be discovered when the offence occurred. The statute of limitations on Paragraph 218 is five years, like the maximum punishment.

Gerhard John, the Minister of Justice, announced at the end of last year that he would be drawing up in the course of this year a Bill reforming offences against life, unborn life and bodily integrity. Nothing has yet been seen of the Bill however.

The "Appeal of the 374" was based on a similar campaign in France where 335 women admitted to having an illegal abortion.

At the beginning of April actresses Jeanne Moreau and Catherine Deneuve, writers Simone de Beauvoir and Francoise Sagan and many other well-known women appealed for an end to the ban on abortion in France through the columns of the Paris weekly *Le Nouvel Observateur*. The appeal caused a sensation.

Thomas Wolgast (Münchener Merkur, 3 June 1971)

Majority oppose present abortion law

Almost half the inhabitants of the Federal Republic believe that the abortion law should be scrapped according to a survey conducted by the Allensbach Institute. It showed that 46 per cent of those interviewed were against the law while 39 per cent wanted it retained.

The results of the survey show that only 41 per cent of women would like to see the law scrapped compared with fifty per cent of the male population.

Age has a lot to do with a person's views on this question. The younger the interviewed person, the more likely he or she was to appeal for abortions to be made legal.

In the sixteen to thirty-year-old age range 64 per cent wanted the present law scrapped while only 21 per cent urged its retention.

Fifty per cent of the Protestants interviewed wanted an end to the law while only 38 per cent of Catholics wanted it

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University reform programmes have met a deadend

Professors at the Free University of Berlin have resigned their administrative posts as they no longer want to bear the responsibility for developments there.

In Bremen the coalition of Social and Free Democrats broke up after almost 25 years because of disagreement over the new university's staff policy.

In Heidelberg a minority of students has adopted terrorist methods to prevent a professor from holding his lectures.

Recent events like this have spotlighted the crisis of universities and university reform.

For years those people responsible for university policy ignored calls for reform from professors, lecturers and students.

Memoranda and proposals disappeared into the files of the various state education ministries.

Although it was forecast that the number of students would rocket, little was done about it. Politicians did not wake up until the students took to the streets, until the first signs of unrest came and the young became more committed politically.

They believed that the malaise facing universities was due to the rigid control exercised by the professors.

The leaders of the protesting students

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demand a share of the decision-making and as their claims were loud and violence was not only threatened but carried out education ministers and provincial assemblies speedily complied with their demands.

Not knowing the ins and outs of the university system, the politicians believed that they had found the right solution in giving students a share of decision-making.

New laws were passed for the universities and the more progressive university reformers in the various provincial assemblies and governments were, the more autonomy they granted local universities.

But it turned out that the situation at the universities became worse rather than better. The old university with its professional administration is now dead. In its place is a university in which political interest groups struggle for political power.

The urgently needed reform of studies has not however been carried out, the

flood of would-be students has not been stemmed and the injustice of admission restrictions is still practised.

Governments and political parties are undecided. The State has largely left the universities to their own devices, does not intervene in their economic affairs or staffing policy and is on the way to forgoing its overall controlling capacity.

The State is now no more than the source of finances for universities. The end of its responsibility for the universities is linked with the end of the constructive university policy of the political parties.

It is not politicians with a strong following in their party who have been made ministers responsible for university affairs but professors who have plenty of good will but no strong group behind them in either party or the Bundestag.

Professors are now in the majority at the Education Ministers Conference and the important Ministry of Education and Science in Bonn is headed by a professor who does not belong to a political party.

Politicians hide their helplessness and education ministers their lack of power behind the fetish of autonomy for the universities.

But the Humboldt era is past. Universities are no longer walled off from the State as private academic republics or educational provinces with a firm educational ideal.

They are now State institutions in a pluralistic society and have a large number of educational functions. They are maintained by the community and are therefore responsible to it.

The carefully delineated autonomy granted to the Humboldt-style university to guarantee the freedom of the arts and sciences is now absolute, enabling minorities to present a serious threat to the freedom of research and teaching at the universities.

Protected by university autonomy, ideological minorities who are often opposed to democracy and employ terrorist methods exploit the decision-making clauses of the university laws and try to introduce a fully one-sided political colour to studies.

In Berlin, and not only there, a state of lawlessness rules in many subjects. It can

MEDICINE

New drug aids sexual offenders

Sexual offenders committing the less serious sexual offences are to be treated more leniently in future. Exhibitionists who always used to be consigned behind bars if they repeated their offence can now hope to remain unpunished if they volunteer to undergo treatment with a drug developed by Schering of Berlin that reduces hypersexuality.

Some courts in the Federal Republic have already offered sexual offenders this chance but they anticipated events as the drug has not yet been given the green light by the Ministry of Health.

As hospital tests have now been completed, it is expected that the drug will be released for use at any time. A total of 547 examinations were made by 111 doctors in the Federal Republic and Switzerland.

The results were recently announced to psychiatrists, sexual researchers, neuroendocrinologists and lawyers attending a symposium arranged in Berlin by Schering.

The discussion on ways to inhibit sexual drive with drugs produced a number of interesting points, especially on the limits of this new course of treatment.

It is fairly certain that the drug — marketed under the trade-name "Androcur" — counters androgen, the hormone causing the sexual drive, potency, an erection and orgasms.

The substance was discovered as anti-androgen by Dr Neumann in Schering's research laboratories. The generic name is cyproteronacetate.

The substance inhibits the production of male sperm cells without harming the tissue of the testicles and is able to regulate the sex drive in such a way that the androgen has absolutely no effect.

The androgen is expelled from its normal spheres of activity, including the sexual centre in the brain, but only during the period of medication. As the inhibition of the sexual drive is reversible, it would be incorrect to speak of a drug-induced castration.

As the sexual drive returns some six months after the drug has been taken, a number of problems arise from the point of view of society and the legal administration that has to protect the public from sexual crimes.

Lawyers attending the Berlin symposium mentioned some of them. Who, they asked, would guarantee that the sexual offender, if promised his freedom on condition that he agreed to undergo an Androcur course, would in fact take it and what is to happen when the drug wears off?

The first problem is no longer relevant as the drug is also available in capsule form for injections. Schering's are currently producing this cyproteronacetate capsule but hospital tests have not yet been completed.

There are two solutions to the second problem. Firstly, the sexual offender who cannot continue cyproteronacetate treatment for any reason must undergo voluntarily or by order of the court a control of his sexual deviation. (The late Professor Hans Giese was successful in his fight to replace the term sexual perversion by sexual deviation.)

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Secondly, while being treated with the drug, the sexual offender can be given psychiatric treatment as well and freed from his deviation. (The words of Hamburg sexual researcher E. Schorsch, he is freed from and not from his sexual life.)

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The drug cyproteronacetate itself cannot change an offender's tendencies but past experiences have shown that it can dampen the sexual drive far more quickly than an operation for castration, thus freeing the patient sooner from the urge to commit sexual crimes.

What type of offenders will be considered for the new treatment? About a third will be exhibitionists, a fifth homosexual paederasts and about the same proportion of heterosexual paederasts.

The other patients will be fetishists, voyeurs, rapists, arsonists, transvestites and other people who do not commit crimes but suffer from strong sexual urges.

If the sexual deviations have a psychotic origin or are caused by brain disease, cyproteronacetate cannot be expected to improve the patient's condition, but it will in cases of mental debility.

The mentally handicapped frequently suffer from their sexual phantasies. If they have been placed under the care of a guardian, he must give his permission for the course of treatment. Lawyers doubt, however, if this declaration can be made voluntarily if imprisonment is the only alternative.

It is certain that most sexual offenders will press to be allowed to undergo the new treatment. Only a few of the mentally debilitated and other deviants believe that treatment with cyproteronacetate will rob them of a vital part of their life.

If the drug appears on the market in the near future, doctors will have to make it perfectly clear that it must only be used for pressing psychiatric or criminological reasons.

The danger that a society inimical to sex will use the drug to bring about "sexual cleanliness" must not be underestimated.

But the proposal made in Berlin to limit the drug's prescription to specialists cannot be adopted as limiting the prescriptions of a drug in this way would be illegal and because specialists too could have a Puritan attitude towards sex and sexual offenders.

Friedrich Delch
(Die Welt, 27 May 1971)

Professor Poppe disposes of malignant bone tumours at Düsseldorf X-ray congress

Specialists from the Federal Republic, The Netherlands and Switzerland attending the X-Ray Congress in Düsseldorf came to the depressing conclusion that a person's chances of surviving some types of malignant bone tumour are practically nil.

Professor Poppe of Göttingen reported that less than twenty per cent of patients with a malignant bone tumour had any prospect of surviving more than five years, the normal period given to cancer sufferers.

Most types of this malignant tumour occur before a person is thirty. This and the fact that early diagnosis of malignant tumours on bones seems practically impossible forces medicine to greater activity even though bone tumours represent only three per cent of all malignant tumours.

Bone Tumours have a high tendency to form metastases as they, unlike other forms of cancer, are directly connected with the bloodstream.

Professor George Chappal of Leiden, Holland, warned doctors against amputating certain types of bone tumour. This operation proved completely useless in eighty per cent of the cases, he stated, as the metastases had already passed to other organs in the body, especially the lung. (Neue Hannoverische Presse, 22 May 1971)

Sun and cancer

The widespread fear that an excess of sun could produce cancer of the skin seems to be unfounded, according to Professor Gartmann of Cologne University's Dermatological Hospital.

Strong solar radiation, he says, does not produce skin cancer until fifteen or thirty years have passed. Seamen, fishermen, dockers and shipbuilders are in particular danger as water reflects the harmful ultra-violet rays.

Tar products on the other hand raise the sensitivity of roadworkers against the effects of light.

(Lübecker Nachrichten, 29 May 1971)

Kassel institute offers managerial courses

Complaints that university teaching in this country has little to do with a student's future career are legion. Kassel now plans to change this.

The comprehensive university now being built in the city is to act as a sort of connecting link between theoretical knowledge and industrial practice. A practical training for engineers in particular is planned.

Kassel has already amassed experience of practical education in the Institute for Management Training. The Institute was set up in the spring of 1970 by economists, representatives of Hesse University and officials from the Hesse Ministry of Economics and Technology. It started courses in August and its own building will be ready in the course of this year.

The Institute for Management Training wishes to offer managerial courses that differ from sandwich courses, correspondence courses and special seminars. The founder members of the Institute believe that there are too few managerial courses that are not run by firms themselves.

Students at the Institute will have had a university education or adequate preliminary training. Theory will then be applied to managerial practice. The group aimed at is the young executive group who are in line for high managerial posts and have had as a rule two years practical work.

In the first course of two four-week programmes and an intermediate tutorial period an active learning method is employed by using case studies. The material discussed is normally taken from actual events in industrial life in the Federal Republic.

The Institute plans that studies should be supplemented after a year by a course involving the exchange of experiences, a discussion of method and an expansion of what has so far been learnt.

To interest as many young executives as possible, a correspondence course is also planned. Plans are to be drawn up with the Institute for Extra-Mural Studies in Tübingen.

The Institute will work in close cooperation with various departments in the new university planned for Kassel. Later incorporation into the university is not ruled out.

At present the Institute is financed by a team of sponsors. The first course costs five thousand Marks per student or four thousand if the person comes from a firm belonging to the team of sponsors.

Kassel plans later to offer a wide range of contact study courses, enabling executives to acquaint themselves with the latest findings in their branch. An important side-effect would be an increase in the individual's chances of promotion.

Klaus Viedebant
(Handelsblatt, 28 May 1971)

Educational planners have to cut plans

The grim announcement by finance ministers in both Bonn and the Federal states that no more money can be spent for the time being has thwarted the plans of educationalists.

On entering office, Hans Leussink, the Minister of Education and Science, announced wide-ranging reforms affecting all branches of education from kindergarten to further education.

Educational planners hoped that they could implement their proposals thanks to increased State expenditure though they did not yet know how the money could best be spent.

At a time when the joint educational plans of the central government and the Federal states are beginning to take firm shape, Bonn's new Finance Minister, Karl Schiller, has stated that only those reforms can be carried out that cost little or no money.

That is true also, if not primarily, for educational reform. Educational planners will have to cut down on their plans. As they did not think it necessary to initiate those people affected into their plans, they will not find great public support for them now.

The shortage of available cash has one good side-effect in the midst of all the drawbacks — discussions on the education system of the future will tend to become clearer. If money is scarce, priorities must be set and the main aims stated.

The Christian Democrats and Christian Socialists are the first political party to present a savings programme for education. This plan envisages a complete stoppage of organisational reforms for the time being.

Without stating any clear political aim, the Opposition in Bonn wants kindergartens, schools and universities to be built

as planned. The programme bears the slogan "Less Utopianism — more realism".

Slogans like this often conceal the real programmes. Utopianism is just another word for equality of opportunity. Realism obviously means the three-class school of the nineteenth century should be retained.

But the education system is a field for organisational reforms that little money. Implementing plans that pupils, students and parents to have in decision-making demands political courage but no financial expenditure.

It would also be a structural reform if new schools were to be set up right as comprehensive, if curriculum is reexamined and the differences between school education and career are scrapped.

But it is against this type of reform that opposition, sometimes bitter, sometimes hesitant, comes, even from the coalition of Social and Free Democrats.

To abandon changes of this type would be the same as admitting that real reforms are not possible in a certain economic financial situation.

Udo Berg
(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 28 May 1971)

Demand for graduates will rise

Though many people have seen the danger of an academic crisis arising in the Federal Republic, estimates forecast that this will rise in the immediate future.

Statistics drawn up by the Ministry of Education and Science forecast that million graduates will be needed. While 908,000 graduates were in 1968, requirements should rise to 1,420,000 by as early as 1975.

These figures are contained in a prepared at the Ministry's Institute Professor Wilmann, the Regensburg Minister.

The demand for graduates of technical colleges — 1.9 million in 1968 — forecast to rise to 2.4 million in 1975 — 2.83 million by 1980.

It is already plain that the new doctors will continue to rise and lawyers will also be required in large numbers. Only a minimal rate of growth is expected in agriculture on the other hand.

By 1975 the number of universities in this country is forecast to increase from 470,000 to 600,000. Finance this expansion progress, the central government and the Federal states will have to spend a total of 33.3 billion Marks in 1972 and four billion in the three subsequent years.

These are the amounts proposed in Bill for the first framework plan for university construction discussed by a joint planning committee in Bonn.

(Der Tagesspiegel, 26 May 1971)

Cramped living conditions can cause aggressions

The real threat behind the world's population explosion is not the danger of possible famine disasters but the fact that people will become more and more unfriendly as their living space is limited.

Today it is only mental complaints that crop up, especially among the inhabitants of impersonal residential blocs in the cities.

Scientists believe that pent-up aggressions could soon break out as people become more and more cramped. Professor G. Jørgensen, the Göttingen human geneticist, sees this as the real danger behind the growth in world population.

Experiments with animals show clearly that coexistence is governed by a set behavioural pattern. An important role is played by fixed territories marked out and defended by herds or families as these areas offer security.

If the living space of caged birds is too cramped they become aggressive. Even if they are allowed to multiply as much as they want and are given enough food, serious complaints crop up.

The males either turn particularly aggressive, or noticeably indifferent. The females no longer build proper nests or care for their young. The birds often pair off with other members of the same sex

or eat their young. If on the other hand they have enough space, they rear their young naturally.

Humans too manifest comparable behavioural patterns. Everyone tries to provide enough living space for himself and even children at play defend their territory against the intrusion of unwanted strangers.

One's own home with a garden — the main wish of most families — conforms with innate behavioural patterns.

Despite all their comfort and hygienic advantages, city flats are inhuman as they do not cater for the actual needs of their inhabitants.

It is not certain that the increase in crime is directly linked with restricted living space but one definite result of cramped living conditions is the many cases of mental disorder.

Having strangers in the vicinity and not being able to avoid them simply gets on a person's nerves. Giant industrial concerns where the worker is no more than a cipher, anonymous towns and the vast number of mass organisations also contribute towards the strain placed on people.

During the longest period of a person's development, the community in which he lives is small and gives a feeling of security.

(Frankfurter Rundschau, 25 May 1971)

■ THE ECONOMY

Government preaches stabilisation but does not practise it

Following the freeing of the parity of the Mark a new attempt is to be made in the Federal Republic to restore economic stability. It is high time that the ship of State sailed the course of stabilisation and stopped the present Sunday afternoon cruise!

Up until now all the efforts of the Bundesbank to introduce stabilising measures have been undermined by the flood of hot money from abroad, while the effect of fiscal measures introduced by the government have been counteracted by public spending with excessive government expenditure and government loans.

Now, we hear, this is all to be changed. But the changes cannot come simply as a result of floating the Mark or the announcement that public expenditure is to be pegged.

It is essential that something be done to soak up the excess of liquid cash that is circulating in this country and that there be a noticeable cutback in overall demand.

If liquid cash is to be soaked up, however, and in the past few days a number of people have been asking why this should happen, why is it that the Bundesbank was so slow in its efforts to get rid of the dollars that have been accumulating in its vaults and greatly increasing the amount of liquid cash available for purchases in this country?

In the face of this need how is it to be explained that the Bundesbank failed to release any dollars from its massive stocks to the currency exchange markets on or soon after 10 May when the parity of the Mark to the dollar was floated? Obviously there were many explanations for their delay in doing so.

First of all there is the question of where these embarrassing dollars are to go to when they leave the Federal Republic. It is impossible for them to flow to a number of important countries because of currency exchange restrictions.

For another thing the interest rate in the Federal Republic is still higher than on the Eurodollar market and in the United States of America.

In the light of these circumstances if the Bundesbank wanted to get rid of its dollars in a hurry it would have to cut Bank Rate drastically and probably lower the minimum reserve requirements in West German banks as well. With the developments in industry in this country being what they are, and the continued depreciation of the purchasing power of the Mark it is impossible for the Bundesbank to implement measures of this kind at the moment.

An alternative is for the Bundesbank in Frankfurt to allow the value of the dollar against the Mark to fall to such an extent that the chance of making a quick profit from revaluation would be irresistible for dollar holders.

Just how considerable this profit would have to be, however, is shown by the fact that despite the revaluation of the Swiss franc by seven per cent the movement of dollars from Switzerland has been far from precipitous.

But without doubt authorities in this country concerned with currency exchange dealings would like to avoid giving a handsome bonus to speculators on a Mark revaluation and quite rightly so. Money going into the pockets of the speculators has come from the pockets of the ordinary people of this country, for a start, and secondly, if the speculators make a killing this time they will be



tempted to do the same thing all over again at the very next opportunity.

Another point that must be taken into account is that a large part of the flood of dollars into this country consisted of credit which West German companies took out abroad over a fixed period of time and which cannot therefore be paid back immediately.

Even then companies based in this country have little interest in releasing this money since interest rates are so much lower abroad than in this country. For all these reasons there are limitations set to the scope of the movement of dollars from the Federal Republic.

On the other hand it seems likely that a certain proportion of the dollars in this country will be withdrawn, perhaps because they were in the form of loans that are not being renewed, perhaps because the money is needed for use in some other part of the world.

So why should the Bundesbank go to the market with a basketful of dollars when there is little likelihood of a speedy outflow of the unwanted money and a corresponding reduction of liquidity in this country?

It seems in this light that a policy of restraint was more a pious hope and it was better to keep the currency exchange markets and those speculators who become rich and fat by playing them in a permanent state of unrest.

Five Wise Men recommend steady revaluation

The Committee of Experts for the Appraisal of Overall Economic Developments, otherwise known as the Five Wise Men, has published a special report coming out in favour of "a measured, but steady increase in parity of the Mark". The contents of this recently published report were known somewhat in advance as a result of an indiscretion.

A majority of the Five Wise Men stated that the Mark should be revalued by about three per cent per annum. This would not be making excessive demands on the capability of the Federal Republic "to escape from the international trend towards currency depreciation," according to the report.

According to the economic experts this strategy of "creeping revaluation" coupled with a lowering of interest rates "soon" would be the course of action most likely to lead to a return to lasting stability with the slightest chance of causing unemployment on a large scale.

There is no feasible course of action, the report claims, that would entirely rule out the danger of unemployment.

If we in this country are to make it our main concern to restore the Mark to a stable condition, giving this priority over full employment, our economic affairs policies could soon afterwards work towards all their aims without giving any of them priority.

On top of this view from the economic experts there comes a statement made by the government that in all the measures it takes it will keep unemployment as low as is possible.

In this way it was possible to increase the risk involved in all speculative deals in currency exchange and also the dangers of taking out new foreign loans. This became a factor that all involved had to take into consideration.

The main purpose of this strategy from the Bundesbank's point of view would appear to be to prevent a further flood of dollars into this country with its concomitant undermining effect on our efforts to cut liquidity and stop inflation. If the Bundesbank succeeds in its aim it will have gone a long way towards solving the present economic and monetary crisis.

But there is yet another matter to be solved. If the large quantities of dollars that have been collected in the Bundesbank vaults are drawn off hesitatingly then the surplus of purchasing power that has been imported into this country will only be diminished at a slow rate. However, if this country is to achieve the stability it requires it is essential that purchasing power be cut down as quickly as possible.

One suitable method of achieving this, which has obviously not escaped the Bundesbank's attention, is to increase the minimum required reserves and there seem to be many indications that this is a step that will be taken by the Central Bank Committee in the near future.

Certainly this method of reducing liquidity will have the effect of tending to push up interest rates, but as there is a trend towards higher interest rates in the United States as well, this provides some covering fire for the Federal Republic.

It is a fact, at any rate, that now a more effective stabilisation policy can be carried out than previously in the sphere

of credit policies. On the other hand new fiscally based policies of peacemaking must be greeted with scepticism.

Of course it sounds quite nice when we hear that public expenditure is not binding has been frozen to 10 per cent of about thirty to forty per cent in addition to the loans taken from the central government, the assemblies and local government.

But the experiences we have from the anti-cyclical fiscal policy anything but hopeful.

Last year as well there were long limitations to public expenditure which were later turned into economic strictures and nevertheless government expenditure in 1970 was by a total of eleven per cent. In the quarter of this year the figure was eighteen per cent.

Government budgeting, therefore, not counteracting the economic but right up to recent times has been an expansive course.

In addition to this the new ceiling that has been set for public only looks good on paper. For so-called cash advances which used to be technical impossibilities are affected by the restrictions imposed borrowing for the purposes of expenditure.

But these are loans with a set paid up to one year. So in fact the government departments have left themselves a convenient back-door through which they can arrange quite considerable credit.

The State is demanding that employers, industrial concerns, employees, payers, consumers and the Bundesbank act in a way that is conducive to stability. But it is not practising what it preaches.

Unless there is some change in the pattern the latest efforts to achieve stability do not look too promising.

Hans Röpke
(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland, 2 June 1971)

exchange. If prices in the Federal Republic should not rise as sharply as in other countries voluntary inferences from the Bundesbank could bring about an inflation trend towards revaluation of the Mark and increase price competitiveness on an international basis.

The experts recommend that the government should use all the opportunities offered by the system of flexible exchange rates to the utmost. "With the aid of stabilisation endeavours an attempt to parity should become necessary."

Though the balance of payments situation — something about which the Five Wise Men do not make any comment in the report — does not justify revaluation of the Mark in the opinion of the Bundesbank, the Economic Community Council of the states.

However many assurances the government may give that it intends to restore the old parity international factor, the warring affecting prices are not likely to be broken.

In addition to this the government must, the report says, introduce measures to cut down demand, something that does not come anywhere near as easy.

This special report by the "Five Wise Men" has been called "a damned judgment" on the present economic policy of the Bonn government by opposition parties.

With satisfaction, however, the Democrats ascertain that the measures being taken by the government to stabilise the economy, both on a domestic basis and an international front, are given approval by the experts as being the right and proper course of action.

The German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHT) called the special report "an extraordinarily useful analysis." (Neue Hannoversche Presse, 2 June 1971)

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

What makes the modern manager tick - a sociological study

Company bosses are rewarded by any number of privileges (higher incomes, prestige and power) according to Helge Pross, 43, Sociology Professor at the University of Göttingen, and Karl W. Boetticher, 58, head of the bureau for economic and sociological research, also in Göttingen, in their study of business managers.

But, they say, there is one privilege that is not granted to the managerial bracket — plenty of leisure and pleasure time!

The two researchers weighed up the answers of 78 members of company boards, 304 company directors, factory heads and business managers and 154 senior managerial clerks to questions about their family background, education, past career, methods of making decisions, self-confidence and their view of society.

Pross and Boetticher enquired about the "way of life" among 762 members of company boards in the hundred largest firms, from the point of view of turnover, in the Federal Republic. The questionnaire was completed by 18.5 per cent of them.

Of 145 members of company boards 56 worked between forty-six and fifty-five hours every week. Forty-eight of them claimed to work on average between 56 and 65 hours a week.

Twenty-two said they began the day's work earlier than 7.30 in the morning. Sixty said that they started the day's activities between 7.30 and eight o'clock. Forty-eight of them get into the office between eight and 8.30.

Only eight of them said they do not take work home with them. The rest pack important files with pressing work into their briefcase and continue the good work by their own fireside.

Further homework which this social group must attend to is evening meetings and other after-hours arrangements. Twenty-two say that such extra-curricular activities occupy them about twice a month, 41 reckon they must attend evening meetings on average four times in the month and thirty say that such work occupies them up to six times a month.

In any four-week period 21 of the managers interviewed claimed that they were in the company yoke on as many as nine evenings every month.

The division of the day's activities for various individual jobs is interesting to note. 19.5 per cent of the time is concerned with dealing with the mail, reading it, processing it and dictating replies. 38.3 per cent of the day's work tends to go on meetings and conferences. 14.8 per cent is spent on travelling. Telephoning takes up over ten per cent of a manager's working day.

Helge Pross and Karl W. Boetticher inform us that leading managerial staff in the top companies in the Federal Republic comes mainly from the middle and upper-middle classes.

One in two of the senior managerial clerks, directors and members of company boards grew up with an upper-middle class or upper-class background. Only five per cent came from the lower classes, sons of working men, non-employed craftsmen and people in service.

Fifty hundred and thirty-seven managers answered the question about their father's profession. Of these 28 said: artisan, and fifteen: farmer, owner of a smallholding or vineyard-owner.

In forty cases the father was a self-employed craftsman and 31 of the businessmen said that their father was a retailer or a publican.



These are the other professions that were listed for the fathers of managers: self-employed non-academic or artist (27), government or Federal state salaried employee of senior or junior rank (69), primary-schoolteacher (16), high-schoolteacher and vicars (18), highest-grade of civil servant (43), professors (twelve), the free academic professions, sculptors and journalists (36), lower-grade white-collar workers and small workshop foremen (19), white-collar worker in a medium grade (51), top-ranking white-collar worker (79), army officers, self-employed industrialists, estate-holders and hoteliers (12) and self-employed businessmen, thirty-two.

The material conditions of the parental home were also taken into consideration and put under the high-powered microscope. Ten of the company managers called their parents "poor". One hundred and eighty-six spoke of a "modest background in the parental home" and the questionnaire reveals that 282 come from "prosperous" families. Only thirteen company managers considered their parents "extremely wealthy".

Now Pross and Boetticher reveal the religious background of the top-flight company men. The summary judgment is that, "now as ever a Catholic home and upbringing is not conducive to a successful career in industry".

Those who filled in the questionnaire answered the question about religion in this way: 322 claimed to belong to the Evangelical (Protestant) Church, 138 were Roman Catholic, thirty-three said they did not belong to either of these two religions and 43 gave no answer at all to this question.

According to the two researchers: "The disparity in the representation of the two main religions at a top managerial level is

not so great that there can be any question of discrimination against Catholics. The fusion of Catholicism and the lower classes in Germany has historical reasons."

The type of town, village or district from which managerial staffs in industry today come is also covered by this analysis, and the results are not surprising. The great majority of those questioned come from a city. Two hundred and sixty say they come from a big city, 192 were brought up in a small or large town and only 83 claim a background in a village, and this in a country with a largely rural population.

One important factor in the background of the men who have "made it" in industry is of course education. It is certain today that to be successful in a managerial capacity you must have an education at a higher level than the ordinary secondary school (Volksschule).

More than ninety per cent of this managerial group attended a high-school (Gymnasium) or Mittelschule. Almost 75 per cent of them passed their Abitur higher school-leaving certificate. One in two passed this examination with a mark above the average.

Study is becoming more important for a career in industry all the time. Of those managers included in this survey two-thirds went to a technical college.

There were remarkable differences in the three groups. Seventy-seven per cent of members of the board had a student background, 62 per cent of the company directors had studied and the figure for the managerial clerks was 58 per cent.

Their studies tended to centre around subjects such as the natural sciences, economic science, technology and the law. Very few chose the philosophical side for their studies.

Technical and natural science studies formed the academic background of 60.6 per cent of the interviewed managers, while 22.1 per cent went in for economic and social sciences and 13.5 per cent studied jurisprudence.

This is the way the trend seems to be moving: Fewer managers with a technology background, more economic scientists, and fewer opportunities for those with a legal background.

The managerial group was asked in addition what in its opinion was the order of importance of a number of professions. The following table was compiled as a result:

- 1) Chairman of the Board,
- 2) Professor,
- 3) General,
- 4) Departmental head of an industrial firm,
- 5) Headmaster,
- 6) Newspaper editor,
- 7) Manufacturer,
- 8) Vicar,
- 9) Deputy departmental head,
- 10) Police commissioner,
- 11) Master craftsman.

Helge Pross and Karl W. Boetticher are staggered by the traditional prejudices expressed by the company managers against the ability of women to do the kind of job they are doing.

Eighty-six per cent stated that a woman could not do their job, or at least not so efficiently. Only eleven per cent went so far as to say that a woman would do just as well.

The small-print in the sociologists' work is very significant. They are

Helge Pross/Karl W. Boetticher
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"enamoured" of their methods and are of the opinion that their social studies give rise to more or less complete recipes for solving many questions affecting the development of society.

Helge Pross and Karl W. Boetticher themselves work with many prescribed opinions that often colour their work and shine through it.

They give short measure to historical prerequisites. And they should not simply pass off biological data without further ado.

Nevertheless they have produced a book that makes an important contribution to the subject of equality of opportunity in the economic sphere and the structure of the managerial sector.

Werner Mühlbradt
(Die Welt, 27 May 1971)

Handwriting reveals all

For example if writing slopes too much to the right this is a sign that whoever wielded the pen has a tendency to be over-ambitious.

A "podgy" script shows that a candidate tends to be a stickler for order but that he would probably be too soft in dealing with his subordinates.

Another type of handwriting in which the letters below the line were emphasised gave an indication that the candidate was likely to tread too hard on those in lower positions.

Another candidate's writing was filled with letters extended far above the line indicating that like his h, f and l he was up in the clouds, a dreamer, a prey to illusions.

What are the makings of a company boss? With a sample of the handwriting of the men who have "made it" in the United States on the one hand and in the Federal Republic on the other a neutral graphologist from France came up with some interesting differences between German and American company heads.

The Americans gave away their lust for material possessions in their handwriting,

as well as a great ability to make contacts easily, an active nature and youthful zeal, self-confidence, empathy and dynamism as well as a business-sense which sometimes did not stop short at sheer brutality.

But the graphologist cannot base his or her judgements on a sample of handwriting alone. It is essential to know something about whoever wrote the passages they study. Otherwise the verdict they reach may not be accurate.

Particularly in Europe, where more and more foreigners are applying for positions in companies it is important to know where the candidate learnt to write; or it is possible that the graphologist will be misled by national peculiarities in handwriting.

Age and sex of the writer are also important and the graphologist should know these facts before starting work, since it is not at all possible to tell how old the candidate is or of what sex simply from the sample of writing.

Making the right decision about a candidate for a vacant job is of vital importance and not just to the candidate, but also to the firm. It is to be hoped that graphology has already shown its worth in personnel departments that have relied on it.

Klaus Mampell
(Die Welt, 29 May 1971)

MARITIME AFFAIRS

Stranger than fiction tales from maritime boards' archives

There can hardly be an authority in the country that has a more interesting job to do yet few are as little-known as the maritime boards of the Baltic and North Sea states. Tragedies on the high seas, not to mention a good deal that is highly amusing, is reflected in the official records of these official bodies.

Fisherman B. jumped over board while his ship, the *Hans Pickenack*, was fishing west of Greenland. His last recorded words as he jumped were "So long, Hans."

Twenty-three-year-old assistant engineer Ernst slipped and fell in the galley of the *Dresden*. In the process he pulled a pot full of boiling fat off the stove and scalded himself to death.

Captain Günter Lange of the *Pacific*, a Hamburg salvage vessel, was drowned on 10 March 1971 west of Finisterre while heading by rubber dinghy for the *Ocean Bridge*, a shipwrecked British tanker, to collect his crew from the wreck.

For the Hamburg board this has been the case of the year. It was dealt with at the end of May.

Two thirds of the total tonnage of the Federal Republic's merchant navy, roughly 430 ships with more than 4.3 million gross registered tons between them, are owned by Hamburg shipping lines.

The Hamburg maritime board, which deals with about 300 cases a year, is thus the busiest in the country.

Maritime boards have been in existence for nigh on a century. The others are in Bremerhaven, Lübeck, Emden and Flensburg.

The boards are entitled to instigate proceedings themselves in the event of anyone sustaining or causing injury on board ship, being seriously injured in the course of work on board or committing suicide.

They are under obligation to investigate matters when as a result of a shipwreck or collision a vessel is either abandoned, sunk or disappears without trace or when ordered to do by a higher authority.

The boards must attach equal importance to damage to harbour walls, the impaired vision of officers who sail their vessels out of port after spending unconscionable amounts of time and money in nearby bars and other establishments and the mental state of able seamen after receiving farewell letters from their girlfriends, not to mention more spectacular cases such as the sinking of the *Pamir*, one of the last sailing vessels to be used as a training ship, and the fire that ravaged the Hamburg liner *Hansaatic*.

The specialised knowledge of all concerned affords some guarantee that all cases are given a fair and considerate hearing. The Hamburg chairman is himself a former ship's officer and his fellow-members are generally full captains.

The seamen's union representatives are usually captains. The work safety office cannot in the circumstances do less than nominate a ship's captain too.

And the member appointed by the government, whose role is virtually that of the prosecution attorney, is traditionally a retired admiral. Hamburg and Bremerhaven boast rear admirals and Flensburg and Lübeck share a full admiral who as a serving officer commanded a flotilla.

Men with this background are likely to pass accurate judgment on the matter, says, of Captain Lange of the *Pacific*'s death.

All concerned were declared to have acted honourably (the board does not use

the term "accused" and passes judgment, not "sentence").

Retired Admiral Meyer as the government representative the Hamburg board mentioned the high esteem the dead man deserved, adding that no one was to blame for his death but that he might have survived had he been wearing a life jacket at the time.

The salvage company, one of the world's largest with vessels at the ready at all the hot spots of the seven seas, salvaged a tanker worth fifty million Marks in the course of Captain Lange's last mission. It pointed out that Captain Lange might have survived but that neither the *Pacific* nor the *Ocean Bridge* would have been in a position to rescue him.

Board chairman Ernst August Knaak passed judgment. The accident, he ruled, was an act of God. No one was to blame. It was the board's duty to be just to all concerned. Next case, please.

The power exercised by matelots has only occasionally caused trouble on dry land. The fact that members of the board virtually represented the various interests involved in each case could well, it is argued, lead to conflicts of interest that impede the determining of the truth.

In 1965, for instance, ship's pilot Erich V. was ruled to have been temporarily not responsible for this action in ramming a coastal freighter with the Norwegian vessel he was piloting.

The outcome was four deaths and a lost ship. The government member of the board called for the pilot to be struck from the list and reduced to the ranks. This was not even mentioned in the judgment.

A group of barristers decided to act and on 19 April 1969 the Federal administrative court in Berlin ruled that "Not even the Federal high maritime board is a court of law. Should it strip a captain of

Investigating machinery

Maritime boards are not courts of law. They are state authorities that conduct their investigations in legal fashion. Their job is to deal with all accidents that occur on the high seas.

The maritime board is chaired by a professional judge and consists of a chairman and four members at least two of whom must be directly connected with shipping.

Appeals against decisions made by the maritime boards are lodged with the Federal high maritime board in Hamburg, which in its turn is responsible to the Federal Ministry of Transport.

In addition to the maritime boards there are maritime disciplinary chambers attached to the boards and a high disciplinary chamber attached to the high maritime board in Hamburg.

They conduct disciplinary proceedings against captains and ships' officers in the merchant navy. The penalties they can impose range from warnings, fines and withdrawal of patent to striking an offender's name from the list of naval officers.

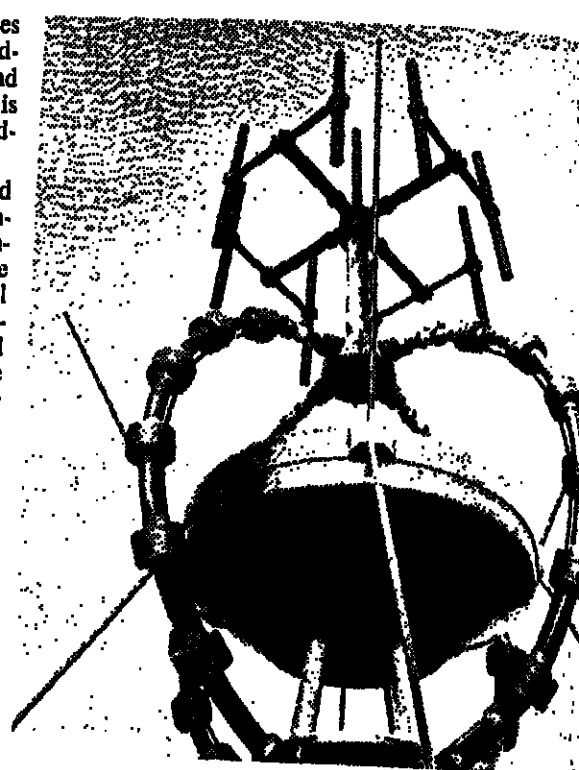
In practice these bodies are responsible for determining the facts of a matter should an accident lead to civil or criminal legal proceedings.

(Die Welt, 3 June 1971)

his licence it does so only as an administrative act and a court of law is entitled to reconsider the matter."

This ruling has had on effect on the importance and reputation of the maritime boards. They still have a strictly maritime flavour and "grounding on the St Lawrence while approaching Escomin ferry station" can still lead to shipwrecked careers.

There are still a good many admirals left to function as prosecution counsel. The present Bundesmarine may only have a rear-admiral as its commander-in-chief but at the end of the war some 140 were still on the Wehrmacht's books. *Eberhard Mitzschke* (Die Welt, 3 June 1971)



Navigational aids

AEG-Telefunken have developed new bearing antennae, combined antennae have two frequency ranges for long radio bearings and navigation. (Photo: AEG-Telefunken)

Interest in nuclear-powered shipping continues to grow

Our interest in nuclear shipping is by no means limited to the construction of this country's first nuclear vessel, the *Otto Hahn*. Our scientists and engineers continue to be concerned with the modernisation, automation and, in particular, the safety of reactor-powered vessels. State Secretary Ministry of Science noted in his opening address to more than 500 specialists from 32 countries at a recent Hamburg conference on nuclear shipping.

The conference dealt with topics ranging from engineering aspects of the nuclear propulsion units, design and safety aspects and economic considerations to problems arising from international law.

Detailed reference was made to experience gained with both the *USA Savannah* and the *Otto Hahn* and a report was also submitted on the progress made in the construction of the *Mutsu*, Japan's nuclear freighter, which is scheduled to be taken into service next year. The Soviet icebreaker *Lenin* was the only non-military nuclear ship about which nothing at all was heard in Hamburg.

Hamburg dealt with practical experience gained in running two nuclear merchantmen, building another and planning several more but in point of fact a good many more nuclear vessels are already in service - well over a hundred nuclear submarines and aircraft carriers.

Every year more and more nuclear subs are launched. This alone proves that nuclear shipping has proved its worth.

Since the end of 1968 the *Otto Hahn* has made 52 research and commercial journeys of varying lengths. In the initial stages it was laden with ballast only so as to test the ship and its reactor power in a variety of conditions.

Even in the heaviest swells, in wind at Beaufort scale 12, in tropical climes with ninety per cent humidity and at temperatures of 31 degrees centigrade the reactor has proved an unqualified success.

So far the *Otto Hahn* has covered a distance of approximately 120,000 miles, using about twelve kilopounds of fissile uranium 235 in the process. At this rate a full complement of nuclear fuel will last the vessel a good 250,000 nautical miles, equivalent to eleven circumnavigations of the world.

(Stuttgarter Zeitung, 2 June 1971)

MOTORING

Motorbikes make a popularity comeback

Motorcycles, in the early post-war years, a favourite with people who could not yet afford a car, are suddenly back in fashion.

Not long ago production figures for this country had declined virtually to nil. Now a motorcycle, a far from inexpensive vehicle, is a must for men who would like to be considered masculine, adventurous and daredevil.

Turnover in two-wheelers, which also include bicycles, mopeds and smaller models, has increased by leaps and bounds over the last five years and the trend is continuing unabated.

About a hundred manufacturers were still in business in this country in the fifties. Only a dozen or so have survived. Up to and including fifty cc the market,

or at least ninety per cent of it, is shared by three firms, Kreidler, Herkules and Zündapp.

The production of mopeds, small motorcycles with an upper speed limit of fifteen miles an hour, was 71,000 last year, and increase of 9,000 over the year before.

This figure represented a mere fraction of the demand, though. Last year 99,000 were imported, as against 75,000 the year before. The home market is so demanding that exports last year were nil.

Moped production figures rose from 67,000 to 73,000 over the same period, imports increasing by 9,000 to 20,000. Exports remained steady at 63,000.

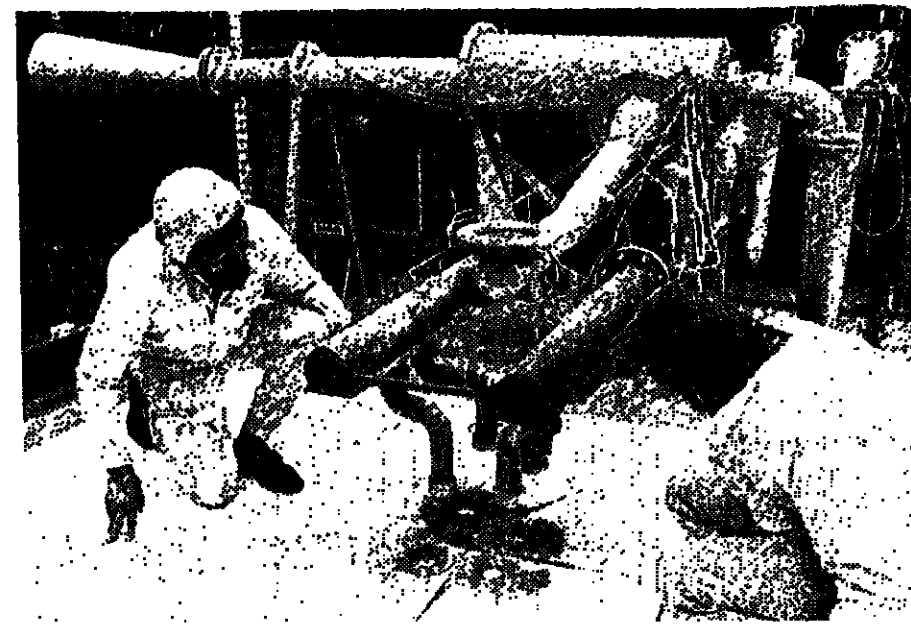
Small motorcycles are also doing well. Manufactures increased from 70,000 to 77,000, imports level-pegged at 12,000 and exports rose slightly to 22,000.

The largest percentage increase was scored by motorcycles and scooters of over fifty cc, the number produced increasing from one year to the next from 10,800 to 21,500.

Fifteen thousand were exported, as against 10,600 the year before, and imports, 5,800 in 1970 as against 3,100 in 1969, did not account for a large slice of the cake.

It must, of course, be remembered that heavy bikes of 500 cc and more are particularly in demand - and they cost easily as much as a Volkswagen beetle. 1,200-cc bikes cost a good 10,000 Marks. They must be fun for snobs.

Another rediscovered delight has gained ground not among snobs but among



Pilot VTOL unit

Deafening noise accompanied the inauguration of an experimental unit for vertical take-off aircraft at the Brunswick research centre of the Federal Aerospace Research Institute, a pilot project. Specialist observers watched an asbestos sheet being blown to shreds in a couple of minutes by four small jets powered by a Starfighter engine fed with compressed air. It took a special sheet of aluminium oxide to withstand the strain and temperatures of between 800 and 1,000 degrees centigrade. The unit was built over a period of five years and has cost approximately 100,000 Marks. (Photo: AP)

New vehicles

The number of motor vehicles newly registered in this country over the first four months of this year was 878,179, as opposed to 809,398 over the corresponding period last year.

This, according to the motor vehicle registration office in Flensburg, represents an increase of 8.5 per cent. Sales of new motorcycles rocketed by 97.2 per cent from 2,686 to 5,298, the largest increase in years.

(Der Tagesspiegel, 27 May 1971)

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OUR WORLD

Hamburg's clubland

DIE WELT

The oldest men's club on the Continent is to be found in Ferdinandstrasse in Hamburg. The club premises are discreetly indicated by an unobtrusive notice in the street of buildings all looking very much like one another. The club is hidden away on the first floor.

The club *Harmonie*, was founded in 1789 and is as active now after 182 years of existence as it was when first established. Behind an inlaid rosewood door a membership of approximately 250 fosters with varying degrees of intensity, according to the time and their inclinations, what the founder of *Harmonie* and a newcomer to Hamburg, Georg Ludwig Peltzer, has missed after several years of travel in Europe:

"A closed society of men who gather together in their leisure hours and, with cordial conversation and a mutual exchange of ideas as well as reading journals and newspapers and playing permitted games, find relaxation from their professional labours."

Behind the rosewood door businessmen, a few officials and other professional men meet daily, sometimes only once a week, and sometimes only at the major social events that *Harmonie* organizes twice a year. There is the all-male dinner that is traditionally given on the evening before *Bussdag* (day of repentance, a Protestant religious holiday in north Germany) which is the prelude to the social season in Hamburg, and then in the first half of June there is the traditional outing, the only club event to which ladies are invited.

The club is managed by a series of written and unwritten rules, which keep it within strict limits.

Certainly the statute which once described in 210 paragraphs the minutiae of "the enjoyment of cordial conversation and permitted pleasures, business and the dissemination of information of general value and the stimulation of trust and understanding between members" is no longer part of the club's rules and regulations.

Certainly there has been a relaxation of the requirement that only self-employed people may become members of *Harmonie*. But however cordial the talk



Members in *Harmonie*, Hamburg's most prestigious club

(Photo: Astrid Brandt)

behind the rosewood door may be it still adheres fairly closely to by far the greater number of the rigid rules and regulations governing club activities.

Ladies even if they are lawyers or shipowners find a barrier erected over the threshold of the club no matter what aspirations they have to emancipation.

And no matter what titles a man holds he is only called by his surname. In *Harmonie* Baron von Rumor is called simply Herr Rumor.

Each year a rules committee is elected, made up of three with a reserve man, which adjudicates if there are any differences between members. But in the last ten years it has not had to meet once.

The four-man selection committee has also not rejected any applicant who has applied for membership over the past ten years. Applicants have to be sponsored by two club members.

It is possible for any resident of the city of Hamburg to apply for membership. Entrance fee is 250 Marks with an annual subscription of 150 Marks. There are rules to reduce the fees for junior members.

The high point of club activities takes place at lunch time. Businessmen, bankers and underwriters, lawyers and from time to time doctors eat together at the large club dining tables.

Harmonie has no political ambitions. According to the chairman most of the members are "liberal conservative". Extremist views are not very common.

There is little incentive for them anyway since even in the Social-Democrat Senate there are personalities who are best described as "rather liberal conservative."

Despite the high-sounding names on the list of club members — these include the

Young people's attitudes to leisure time

Five thousand school boys and girls between the fifth and ninth grades in school — that is between the ages of eleven and sixteen — volunteered to write essays on how they would like to spend their leisure time.

This plan was conceived by Munich's youth authorities last year and a report should be ready fairly soon.

The first fact revealed is that the eleven to thirteen year-olds wanted to spend their leisure time with their family. For them games with their parents and brothers and sisters are the best way of spending free time and they prize highly weekend outings with the family.

In the next age group, up to the sixteen year-olds, there is an increased demand for spending leisure time alone. It was most interesting to note that this group regarded a rainy weekend as fatal. But the

most catastrophic weekend occurred when there was no sun shining and the television set broke down.

The 13 to 15 year-olds considered themselves a little neglected. They claim that for the younger children there are playgrounds provided and for the older ones sports fields, but for them there are no special places where they can enjoy themselves. The girls particularly in this age group complained that no hobby rooms, libraries or amateur stages were available for them.

Many of the young people who wrote the essays were quite content to spend their leisure time helping in the house, working in the garden or washing the car. They only asked that these jobs should be so divided up that time for pleasure should intervene.

(Handelsblatt, 21 May 1971)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Marriage surprise

Hans-Georg Emde, Karl Schiller's State Secretary responsible for finances, heard of his chief's third marriage during a session of the Bundestag.

As the session opened both men were into their official papers. Then Emde, who was sitting next to Schiller, turned to him and said: "Congratulations, Minister."

Hans-Georg Emde read: "Schiller's marriage secretly in Hannover Dr. Elu is an official from the state Finance Ministry."

Surprised, Emde said: "Does he know this?"

Karl Schiller's new wife is well known financial and economic problems. He has been working in the tax department of the Federal state government in his dorf and has had a great deal to do with budgeting.

(Die Welt, 21 May)

Baltic tumble

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Federal Interior Minister, fell from the Baltic when transferring from the 33,000-ton *Hermann Schulte* to a Guard patrol boat. The Minister ordered the patrol boat to meet him that he could arrive in time in the foreign correspondent's press conference.

While climbing down a rope ladder board the patrol boat the Minister suddenly attacked with a muscle car and fell into the water.

The Minister swam to a lifebuoy that thrown overboard to him and he was hauled on board the *Hermann Schulte*. Officials on board the vessel advised the Minister to have a warm bath so he caught a cold after his dip in the water.

When a member of the foreign corps said, ignorant of the Minister's tumble into the water, "You were in good form today," the Minister replied: "After a bath I am always at my best."

(Die Welt, 28 May)

Long walk

Herbert Bermeitinger, 41, social welfare policy press spokesman for the SPD parliamentary party for the past year the spokesman for the Federal state committee and president of the Rhineland-Palatinate, has carried out an election promise — going from where he lives to Mainz where he works on foot.

He said he would make the long walk if the SPD won more than 43 seats at provincial assembly elections. Bermeitinger had to make the walk when his party increased their seats from 39 to 44.

Herbert Bermeitinger covered the 12 kilometres in 43 hours taking in all and a half days to do so.

He was accompanied by his wife.

(Welt der Arbeit, 21 May)

Heavy handed

Heinz Kühn, 59, Prime Minister of the Federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia, deplores polemics from his colleagues. He said: "Many people, who come to a verbal battle, fight with a battle-axe rather than a rapier."

Heinz Kühn recommended French of British parliamentary practice for its subtlety.

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Mönchengladbach win league championship

Borussia Mönchengladbach and Bayern Munich have once more confirmed their reputation of being the outstanding teams of the seventies. Not until the very last day of Federal league matches did time press spokesman for the Borussia manage to pass the finishing post.

This close finish in what for the Borussia has been the toughest season since the introduction of the Federal league represents a twofold triumph for Borussia that must be gratifying for the team after the penalty points awarded against them in the home straight, as it

Never before in the eight seasons of Federal league football has a team won the league championship for a second time, let alone twice in succession — and both times Bayern have been the runners-up.

Borussia's greatest achievement this season has been to overcome the grave handicap — and a severe setback it was felt to be — of two penalty points and two goals awarded against the club by the Football Association following the collapse of a goalpost during a home fixture.

Despite an unexpected setback on the thirty-third day of play Borussia displayed every last ounce of power, ability and fitness and won the final fixture at Waldstadion, Frankfurt, to score the points needed to ensure championship victory.

"Bayern too would be worthy championship winners," Borussia's trainer Hennes Weisweiler conceded some time beforehand. His only hope was that the issue would not be decided by the good luck and goal-scoring of other teams (Cologne's 7-0 defeat in Munich, for instance).

Weisweiler's team outplayed worries of this kind. They scored even more goals than last season, and when it is borne in mind that every opponent will have wanted to perform particularly well in its encounters with the reigning champion it is clear that the team have gained in maturity.

As for the other teams' determination to do particularly well against Borussia, "We often sensed this feeling among our opponents," Weisweiler notes.

But his protégés were so astute that they managed to score the necessary points even when the team was temporarily in the doldrums. These spells never lasted very long. Borussia were only second or third in the tables on a couple of occasions.

For most of the season they were in the lead, which is hardly surprising considering that they did not sustain a defeat in their first thirteen games in succession.

They did best in away games, best in return fixtures and emerged best from their encounters with championship rivals Bayern Munich, Hertha Berlin and Eintracht Brunswick.

They brought the season to a close with a spell in which they notched up sixteen points and conceded only two and only



Borussia Mönchengladbach trainer, Hennes Weisweiler, (second from the left) jumps for joy at his team's championship win. Peter Dietrich (second from right) knows nothing about it because he is suffering from concussion. (Photo: Süddeutscher Verlag/Werk)

failed to improve on their last year's performance because of the two penalty points awarded against them as a result of the goalpost incident.

Mönchengladbach's second championship-winning season did not start with spectacular successes but they did not suffer initial setbacks either. In the 1969/70 season Borussia at one stage had seven points in their favour to five against and were at seventh place in the tables.

This season they played more steadily and lost only four games over the entire season. The first was in Berlin, three days after the nerve-racking drama of penalty kicks against Everton, the second against Bielefeld in a game that only people who were there can pass judgment on.

The third defeat of the season was a mediocre showing against Cologne, who played their best game of the year, and the fourth was due to the game being

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abandoned after the collapse of Borussia's goalpost.

This controversial ruling by the FA was intended as a penalty for the club as a whole yet no attempt was made to find another solution even though the team on the field could hardly have been expected to keep everything shipshape and in Bristol fashion.

Weisweiler's 1971 championship-winning team is virtually the same as last year's. Heynckes, Wittmann and Juniors Wloka and Bonhof were the only newcomers. The first team made do with fifteen men.

Fourteen of the fifteen (the fifteenth being the goalkeeper) scored goals in the course of the season and that is surely no mean indication of their ability and versatility.

Weisweiler was particularly pleased with the performance of the half-backs and backs. In his overall assessment of the team's showing he sees only one weakness in comparison with last season. "Last season the forwards played better together."

W. A. Hurlmanns

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Exciting football season ends

The ref has blown the final whistle, the gates have been closed for the last time. The eighth Federal league football season is over and with it the drama of the most exciting season so far and a last day on which the championship outcome depended.

It will be talked about for years to come. Luckily for the Football Association, whose tribunal have once again come in for criticism, the league championship was decided on the field of play and not by the tribunal's controversial ruling.

In the final game of the season Borussia Mönchengladbach came home to win a well-deserved championship title. The courage with which Borussia plays an attacking game is particularly worthy of mention. That is what the fans want to see.

This season Borussia have set up any number of records, winning the Federal league championship title for a second time — and a second time in succession, too.

Hearty congratulations to trainer Hennes Weisweiler and his team and let us hope that they do better in the European Cup than in the season that has just come to a close.

Runners-up Bayern Munich can congratulate themselves on having made the championship so exciting. Udo Lattek, their new trainer, had first to make a team of a fair number of new and often inexperienced players.

With the aid of old hands and a farsighted management he has succeeded with a vengeance. Bayern Munich's present team show real promise and there is no harm in losing at the last moment, to the best team in the country.

After Borussia and Bayern the league table contains any number of teams who did not live up to expectations — or did not do so to any great extent.

If there can be any talk of tragedy it is, of course, in the case of the two clubs relegated to their regional league, Rot-Weiss Essen and Kickers Offenbach.

Essen were level on points and only a goal worse than Rot-Weiss Oberhausen and Kickers Offenbach have had the bad luck to be relegated to the regional league a second time.

Already there is talk of manipulation. Not that anyone would maintain that everything in the garden is lovely in professional football in this country, mind you.

Dubious transfers, excesses on the part of the crowd and a number of other details have again upset the football world this season, sad to say.

There are increasingly volatile demands for two Federal league divisions. The gap between the present Federal league and the regional leagues is, it is claimed, too wide.

Nuremberg's difficulties in gaining promotion back into the Federal league are, when all is said and done, ample indication of the trouble a second-rate team has in making the grade again.

Hans Schiefele

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